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For: STEPPED-UP NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION METHOD

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The instant paper responds to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2004.

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